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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

STAFF SENATE

CHARLESTON, IL--Facilitating communication between the president and staff at Eastern Illinois University is one of the goals of a newly created Staff Senate.

Other goals and information about membership, officers, meetings, standing committees and voting are contained in the Staff Senate Constitution and Bylaws, which were recently ratified by a vote of 165 to 25.

Eastern employees not represented by the Faculty Senate, President's Council or Dean's Council were eligible to vote. They may also vote in the upcoming election of Staff Senators June 17. Eleven Senators will be elected and six appointed. Any permanent staff employee who has been employed one year and is not a member of the aforementioned groups is eligible to be a Senator and must express an interest in being placed on the ballot by June 3. They will serve one- to three-year terms and will assume office July 1.

Eastern Director of Career Planning and Placement Shirley Stewart, who chaired an 11-member committee charged with organizing the Staff Senate, said the primary role of the Staff Senate

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STAFF SENATE

will be to serve in an advisory capacity to Eastern President David Jorns in issues excluding collective bargaining. It is not intended to replace any existing group, council or bargaining unit.

In addition to an Executive Committee composed of the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, the Staff Senate will consist of five Standing Committees: Personnel Policies, Benefits and Welfare; Budget and Planning; Liaison; Staff Outreach; and Election.